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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: ORINOCO RIVER BRIDGE

REF: STATE 165898, CARACAS 566 75 CARACAS 13401

1. PROJECT NAME: ORINOCO RIVER RAILROAD BRIDGE.

2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

THIS RAILROAD BRIDGE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MASSIVE RAILROAD EXPANSION PROJECT INVOLVING A LINE FROM CENTRAL VENEZUELA TO CIUDAD GUAYANA. HOWEVER, IT IS BEING CONTRACTED SEPARATELY. THE PARAMETERS OF THE BRIDGE ARE DETAILED IN CARACAS 13401; THE CENTRAL SPAN WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 720 METERS WITH OVERALL LENGTH INCLUDING ACCESS SECTIONS ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS.

3. EXECUTING AGENCY/PROJECT MANAGER:

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4. STATUS OF PROJECT/ ANTICIPATED BID DATES:

AS OF JANUARY, 1976, THE FOLLOWING TWENTY-NINE FIRMS
HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BIDDING ON THE PROJECT:

1. GUINAND & BRILLEMBOURG C.A.
2. CONSORCIO TECHINT
3. NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION
4. CONSORCIO MONTISA-GUFFANTI & CIA
5. CONSORCIO EMPRESAS ING. LODIGIANI
6. CONSORCIO BOUYGUES-EDIVIAGRO-ESFEGA LORICA
7. PRECOMPRIMIDO C.A.
8. CONSORCIO VINCCLER-ZORAL-DRVAO
9. NISSHO-IWAI DE VENEZUELA C.A.
10. RHEINSTAHL AG
11. NOUEL INGENIEROS
12. CONSORCIO MENDES JUNIOR HIDROSERVICE-USIMEC
13. CANELSA
14. COSTRUZIONI METALLICHE FINSIDER S.P.A.
15. DYCKERHOFF & WIDMANN
16. CONSORCIO SERETE S.A. - ISHIKAWAJIMA C.R. ALMEIDA
17. CONSORCIO BENVENUTO BARSANTI-DELL'ACQUA C.A.
18. D.S.D. DILLINGER STAHLBAU GMBH.
19. CONSORCIO KUMAGAI GUMI CO. MITSUBISHI CORP.
20. SWINDELL-DRESSLER CO.
21. CONSORCIO KOBE STEEL-NIPPON-KOKAN-MITSUBISHI CORP.
22. DOMINION BRIDGE COMPANY LTD.
23. CORPORACION RAYMOND S.A.
24. CONSORCIO REDPATH DORMAN LONG-TARMAC OVERSEAS
25. CLEVELAND BRIDGE & ENGINEERING COMPANY LTD.
26. CONSORCIO TECNICA CONSTRUCTORA C.A. - EDIFICA-ATKINSON
CONSTRUCTION CO.
27. CONSORCIO ISHIKAWA-HARIMA-BILFINGER-BERGER
28. CONSORCIO INTECSA-OMES
29. CONSTRUCTORA CANAIMA S.A.

TOPOGRAPHICAL STUDIES OF THE RIVER BOTTOM SHOULD BE FINISHED
SHORTLY AND WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE ABOVE FIRMS. THE
RAILROAD INSTITUTE HAS NOT YET FINISHED THE FINAL PRE-
QUALIFICATION PROCESS; THE PROJECT MANAGER ANTICIPATED
THAT NOT MORE THAN 10-15 WILL BE SELECTED. IT IS
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POSSIBLE THAT A CALL FOR BIDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN
TWO MONTHS. THE DATE FOR FINAL SUBMISSION IS INDEFINITE
HOWEVER, AS DESIGN AND ENGINEERING ALTERNATIVES WILL
HAVE TO BE PRESENTED FOR THE INSTITUTE'S CONSIDERATION.
THE OVERALL TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION IS JANUARY
1981, THE SAME DATE THE RAILROAD EXPANSION IS DUE
FOR COMPLETION.

5. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST/FOREIGN CONTENT:

THE TOTAL COST WILL BE BETWEEN 200 - 450 MILLION BOLIVARES, ACCORDING TO THE PROJECT MANAGER IN THE RAILROAD INSTITUTE. ASIDE FROM DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND GENERAL CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION SERVICES, FOREIGN CONTENT WOULD INCLUDE BRIDGE GIRDERS AND HEAVY STEEL SECTIONS WHICH SIDOR WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPLY.

6. COMPETITIVE FACTORS:

THE RAILROAD INSTITUTE WILL INSTRUCT NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION FIRMS TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH CAPABLE FOREIGN CONTRACTORS/ERECTORS. CONVERSELY THE FOREIGN FIRMS WHO WISH TO PREQUALIFY SHOULD ENTER INTO WORKING AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL CONTRACTORS.

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